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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7305

BILL NUMBER: HB 1101

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2015

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Broadband ready communities.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Koch

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Broadband Ready Communities Development Center (Center) within the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to facilitate certain communications projects. It provides that the Center may designate a unit of local government as a broadband ready community if the unit establishes a procedure to review applications and issue permits for the communications projects.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC)*- This bill establishes the Broadband Ready Communities Development Center within the IEDC to facilitate communications projects. The IEDC is additionally responsible for approving an application by a local unit and certifying a local unit as a broadband ready community under certain conditions established by the bill. The IEDC should be able to implement the bill's requirements within its current resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Units of Local Governments*- This bill establishes that each local unit (i.e., county, city, or town) may apply for certification as a broadband ready community. If approved, a local unit should be able to implement the bill's requirements of reviewing applications and issuing permits for communications projects within its current resources. A certified broadband ready community may not impose a fee to review an application or issue a permit for a project.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

Local Agencies Affected: Units of local governments.

Information Sources:

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